

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A protective headguard having a crown portion and [[,]] comprising overlapped inner and outer layers attached at a single point within the crown portion of the headguard so as to permit frictional sliding of at least one area of the outer layer over the inner layer.
2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A protective headguard having a crown portion and [[,]] comprising overlapped inner, intermediate and outer layers with the inner and outer layers attached at a single point within the crown portion of the headguard so as to permit frictional sliding of at least one area of the outer layer over the intermediate layer.
3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~A The protective headguard of claim 2 wherein the intermediate layer is a layer of, comprising (i) overlapped inner and outer layers, and (ii) a flowable material intermediate the layers, wherein (iii) the inner and outer layers are attached so as to permit sliding of at least one area of the outer layer relative to the inner layer subject to drag exerted by the flowable material.~~
4. (ORIGINAL) The protective headguard of claim 3 wherein the flowable material is solid particulates.
5. (ORIGINAL) The protective headguard of claim 3 wherein the flowable material is a gel.
6. (ORIGINAL) The protective headguard of claim 3 wherein the flowable material is a liquid.
7. (ORIGINAL) The protective headguard of claim 3 wherein the flowable material is a gas.
8. (ORIGINAL) The protective headguard of claim 1 wherein the inner and outer layers are biased towards a standard position relative to one another.

9. (ORIGINAL) The protective headguard of claim 2 wherein the inner and outer layers are biased towards a standard position relative to one another.
10. (ORIGINAL) The protective headguard of claim 3 wherein the inner and outer layers are biased towards a standard position relative to one another.
11. (ORIGINAL) The protective headguard of claim 1 wherein the inner and outer layers are attached by elastic material.
12. (ORIGINAL) The protective headguard of claim 2 wherein the inner and outer layers are attached by elastic material.
13. (ORIGINAL) The protective headguard of claim 3 wherein the inner and outer layers are attached by elastic material.
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22. (ORIGINAL) The protective headguard of claim 1 wherein the inner and outer layers each have an interfacing major surface and at least one of the interfacing surfaces has a rough texture.
23. (NEW) A protective headguard, comprising overlapped inner and outer layers attached at a single point of attachment so as to permit pivoting of the outer layer relative to the inner layer about a pivot axis extending through the point of attachment, with frictional sliding of at least one area of the outer layer over the inner layer when the outer layer is pivoted about the pivot axis relative to the inner layer.
24. (NEW) The protective headguard of claim 23 wherein the protective headguard includes a crown portion and the pivot axis is positioned within the crown portion of the headguard.
25. (NEW) A protective headguard, comprising overlapped inner and outer layers attached at a pair of diametrically opposed points of attachment so as to permit pivoting of the outer layer relative to the inner layer about a pivot axis extending through these points of attachment, with frictional sliding of at least one area of the outer layer over the inner layer when the outer layer is pivoted about the pivot axis relative to the inner layer.
26. (NEW) The protective headguard of claim 23 wherein the protective headguard includes a right half and a left half and the pivot axis extends laterally through both the right half and the left half of the headguard.
27. (NEW) The protective headguard of claim 23 wherein the inner and outer layers are biased towards a standard position relative to one another.